

Vocalize

Fountain Valley High School Vocal Music Weekly Bulletin

Week of March 21, 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 21 Modified day
Mar 22 FVMSS picnic & concert
Mar 25 Scrip Orders Delivered
Mar 28 Modified day
Apr 1-2 San Diego Festival – All choirs
Apr 14-18 Concert Choir Las Vegas

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAN DIEGO... is just around the corner!

We are quickly preparing for our big departure to Heritage Festival San Diego and an incredible 2-day trip for most of our students! A few details to note...

Attached is an **ITINERARY** (for your information), **WAIVER form and TRIP EXPECTATIONS** (both of which must be completed, signed and returned to Mr. Tison by Wednesday, March 30th! Please get these turned in on time to avoid last minute paperwork.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS must be in good standing for this trip --- meaning money must be paid current to cover all pre-existing costs incurred, as well as the price of the SD festival (\$265 each).

CHAPERONE list is attached. I would still love to have several more chaperones to assist and make the trip smoother and everyone's life a bit easier. Remember that it is a fun, exciting experience to go away with so many wonderfully talented and well-behaved students (ha)....get some great food, spend the day with Shamu AND get parent volunteer credits (which many of you could use). Please email Mr. Tison ASAP if you would like to take part in this! You are still needed!!

ROOMING LIST is attached for your confirmation. Please email Mr. Tison ASAP if your student is incorrectly on or off the list!!!!

If you have ordered a used dress or new tuxedo, those should be coming in very soon. Again, please make sure your account is current from these charges.

TROUBADOURS storm Chicago!

Unbelievable. Superb. A practically perfect performance. Rich in tonal beauty. Elegant. All words used to describe the incredible singing at USC, Chapman, Cal State Fullerton and the National Conference of the American Choral Directors Association in Chicago last weekend. Very proud of our students and the strong representation of our program! We have received quite a bit of attention and accolades recently and students are to be commended.

FUNDRAISER THANKS

Thanks are due to all Troubadour parents who worked the Rummage Sale, Pancake Breakfast, Hotdog cookout, Car Wash this past Saturday. Hours of tireless planning and executing.....thank you to all who worked so diligently as a team (students and parents) to be a part of this experience! Special kudos to the talented parents who were the organizing masterminds behind the project (you know who you are)!!

Sounds of the Season MEDIA is arriving THIS WEEK.

After working diligently for amazing quality in our audio, video and commemorative program booklets, everything is coming to completion and should be mailing out very soon. If you are planning to pick it up at the school, information will be sent regarding that process as well. Thanks for your patience in this --- you will enjoy the products!

FVMSS ---

Our Fountain Valley Middle School Singers will be having their annual Spring Picnic & Concert in the FVHS Bowl on Tuesday, March 22nd ---- if you're in the area, stop by and hear some great singing from these young, talented voices ---- starting at 6:10 p.m.

United States Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus

The United States Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus will be coming to Edison High School Gym on Sunday, April 10th from 3-5 p.m. We are partial supporters of this and have some FREE TICKETS available for the concert. However, we are limited in seating and strongly ask that if you TAKE a ticket, you USE the ticket. Please email Mr. Tison if you would like tickets.

VMPA Nominations for 2011-2011

If you are skilled in particular areas of organization (graphics, publicity, advertising, accounting, marketing, etc) or just have some availability and desire to work with a wonderful team of parent to keep the vision alive and growing for our students, please consider serving on one of the VMPA Booster Boards for next year. Nominating Committee will be meeting soon. Please email Mr. Tison (ktison@fvhs.com) or Marie Bancroft (Twirl1MB@aol.com) if you are interested in a serving or have questions about a particular position. YOU ARE NEEDED and will find it a very gratifying experience to work alongside our students and these wonderful parents!

INFORMATION

SCRIP NEWS

They will be delivered on Friday, March 25. Take advantage of the SCRIP profits to help with your tour payments. 90% of the profits from your order go into your student's account

Questions??? call Sue Farnsworth at 714 962-7097 or email at skayeb@gmail.com

Holiday CD/DVD Distribution - New Parent Volunteer Opportunities

Assist the CD/DVD Coordinator with the distribution of CD/DVD. You may address envelopes, sort orders & payments, take completed orders to the US Post Office, etc.

Credit will depend on the length of the assignment. If you are interested, please contact Erica Burden @ mamaburden@gmail.com

FUNDRAISING

COOKIE DOUGH ~ Updated

I have the following left! We only have a few so let me know if you'd like any of the following:

- 2 "Pink" Cookies....which is a dark chocolate cookie with pink M&M's in them!
- 1 Holiday Joy....blonde cookie with bits of mint
- 1 Fudge Brownie
- 1 Apple Cinnamon Cake

Each are \$15. Checks made payable to VMPA.

RESTAURANT DINNERS ~

For the following months we will have:

- March ~ Islands
 - April ~ Souplantation once again! We had a great response last time!
 - May ~ Lamppost Pizza
- Keep you eyes out for dates and times to follow!

RALPHS ~

The flyer with the Ralphs barcode are available in the choir room. Take the letter with you to Ralphs and have the checker scan it with your Ralphs Rewards card to start having a portion of your purchase go back into VMPA!!! Every little bit helps!! (Or see below for online instructions.)

If you have any questions, please send me an email at boysnbl@msn.com or call me at 714-328-3811.
Aly Johns Student Fundraising Coordinator

WEBSITE --- launched.

Thanks to Kristen Kloppenburg, Jen Miller and Brian Damitz for their help with this project. Check it often for updates!
Fvhsvocalmusic.com

Sell Your Choir Dress

If you are interested in selling your black (TV, LC) choir dress please contact Mindy Schloderer by email at Mschloderer@socal.rr.com. There have been quite a few new students who joined choir this semester and are in need of a dress.

If you have a dress you would like to sell please email Mindy with :

Your name
Your phone number and email address
The size and length of the dress

Please understand that VMMPA is only facilitating this process. This is a personal transaction between the buyer and seller. The check should be made to the seller.

Thank you, Mindy Schloderer VMMPA TV-LC Attire coordinator

STUDENT ACCOUNTS – DUE NOW!

Parents - please make sure to send in payment for STUDENT ACCOUNTS as soon as possible. Due date was January 20th and we are working to get many plans for tours and trips finalized and are needing all accounts to be current. If you have questions regarding this or would like to use credit card, please contact Tracy Cameron at tk3@earthlink.net Thank you for your help in this!

RALPHS~

Flyers are available to take into Ralphs to add to your swiped Ralphs card to earn back \$ for the Vocal Music Program. They are available in the Choir Room. **You receive Parent Volunteer Credit for signing up your Ralphs card** --- do it today and help support the program!

It's easy, just shop, swipe your Ralphs Reward card and earn!

Ralphs is committed to help our communities grow and prosper. Year after year, local schools, churches and other non-profit organizations earn millions of dollars through their Community Contributions Program.

The Ralphs Community Contribution Program was designed to make our fundraising the easiest in town by simply using your Ralphs Rewards Card.

It's easy to enroll if you are a new subscriber or enter your current reward card information to make edits and add FVHS Vocal Music Parent's Association to your card. You can also earn 1 Parent Volunteer Credit!!!! See instructions below.

Go to Ralphs.com

If you have a reward card or need to enroll click on: My Rewards

Click on Create/Update Account

Click on Community Rewards

Complete the information listed: All you need to know is FVHS vocal Music Parents Association #91606 and SAVE.

To Print the information for 1 Volunteer Credit:

Go back to the Create/Update Account Screen

Click on Community Rewards- FVHS Vocal Music Parent's Association should be on your screen. Print it and send it with your student to school to receive your 1 Volunteer Credit. Please write your student's name on the paper. That easy!

TOUR PLANS for Spring 2011

Parents...plans are well underway for our two festival trips this Spring. Soon you will receive a separate email giving more specific information regarding tour pricing and itinerary items. I can assure that each trip will be quite rewarding and full of rich and memorable experiences. The information that is available now...

Friday, April 1 - Saturday, April 2 ALL CHOIRS San Diego, CA

Originally planned for only a select few choirs, I have decided to take ALL our students (6 different performing choirs) to an overnight festival in San Diego. In my 9 years of teaching, I have led this trip to San Diego each year and the students love it! It will involve bus transportation, hotel in San Diego, dinner in Old Towne, music festival (each group performing and receiving adjudication), full-day admission to Sea World, private shows, buffet dinner, awards ceremony and dance (all in Sea World)! Groups travel to beautiful, sunny Southern California from all over the country to this festival and it is quite competitive. My desire this year is to take ALL of our incredibly strong

groups and go down and conquer this competition! It is a very fun trip, great food, great "bonding" for all the students and a very accessible and affordable location! I hope to take all 180+ of our students, so we will need a TON of parent chaperones (approximately 20)! Depart on Friday around 10:30 – return by midnight on Saturday night! **PLEASE LET Mr. Tison KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CHAPERONING!** Cost is \$265 per person – all-inclusive! **See attached ITINERARY for more information regarding the trip!** Waiver forms are not yet due.

Thursday, April 14 - Monday, April 18 CONCERT CHOIR Las Vegas region

This trip will begin with heading to the Vegas area and potentially doing an exchange with a local high school choir program and doing home stays that night with that school. We will also compete in the Heritage Festival in Vegas (CC, TB, BT) and enjoy some activities in the area, including a great buffet dinner and a spectacular (and appropriate) Vegas show! The trip will conclude with a "desert adventure" for everyone which will involve the Hoover Dam....very adventurous and memorable (and a great workout)!! :) Trip will include all meals, bus transportation (2 busses), music festival and a variety of other activities. *Approximately 8-10 CHAPERONES will be needed!!* Final pricing will be coming soon and billing will continue in January (deposits have already been paid). A fun and unique trip with the best of our singers!

Update Information - VIP Forms

All Volunteers forms are now in the Choir room next to the payment box. If you plan to volunteer in the classroom or drive students in your own personal vehicle, you must complete this form and return it to Mrs. Belgen in the Administration Office two days prior to the event! All driving forms must have a copy of your liability insurance. If you have any questions, please contact Marie Bancroft, VMPA President, at twirl1mb@aol.com

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS NOW ACCEPTED!

For the first time, FVHS VMPA can accept your credit card payment for choir fees. Simply print a copy of the payment card authorization (attached each week to the Vocalize), fill out all information on the form and submit it in the payment envelope your student brings home. Credit card payments provide you an opportunity to meet the payment deadlines but allow you to pay off the payment amount on your own timetable. We hope that this service will help you by providing an alternative method of payment. At this time, we accept MasterCard, Visa, and Discover cards. Credit cards may not be used for SCRIP purchases.

Of course, we always accept checks, cashier's checks, money orders and cash.

For more information or questions, contact Tracy Cameron, Co-treasurer, Student Accounts at tk3@earthlink.net.